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SUBJ: DEFENDS GOI POLICY ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON STATED IN KNESSET JANUARY 8 THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF READINESS BY ARAB STATES TO CONCLUDE FULL PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY, POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN STAGES.

2. ALLON WAS REPLYING TO CHARGE BY LIKUD KNESSET MEMBER SHMUEL TAMIR THAT ISRAELI PROPOSALS TO EGYPT " REPRESENT NO PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE, BUT REGRESSION TOWARDS WAR." WHILE MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS ARE READY FOR CONCESSIONS IN CONTEXT OF TRUE PEACE, TAMIR SAID THAT PEACE IS NOW BEING WAIVED AND THERE IS BEGINNING OF GRADUAL SUBMISSION TO ENEMY'S DEMANDS. HE BELIEVED IT A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO PROCLAIM THAT THERE IS NO WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI, WAR WILL BREAK OUT AUTOMATICALLY. WHILE ISRAEL SHOULD COORDINATE POSITIONS WITH US, TAMIR WARNED OF A DISASTER " IF ISRAEL DOES NOT INSIST ON OUR ELEMENTARY DEMANDS."

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3. ALLON NOTED THAT IN TALKS WITH US, INCLUDING HIS MOST

RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ISRAEL PRESENTED
NO MAPS AND DREW NO LINES. TALKS WITH US HAVE BEEN " IN TERMS OF
CATEGORIES, CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES," ALLON STATED, AND
CONCLUDED THAT " ONLY DURING COURSE OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS ON
THE INTERIM SETTLEMENT-IF AND WHEN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS ARE
CONDUCTED--WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO CRYSTALLIZE THESE INTO
TERMS OF CONDITIONS, FEATURES AND LOCATIONS."

4. COMMENT: TAMIR'S ATTACK ON ISRAELI NEGOTIATING POLICY IS SAMPLE
OF LIKELY CRITICISM IN STORE FOR GOI AS IT ATTEMPTS TO PROCEED
IN EFFORTS TO REACH SECOND-STAGE INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH
EGYPT.
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